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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application of)
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Serial No.: 10/618,939)
Filed: 7/15/2003)
For: Fish Biting Indication Device)
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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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FEE CALCULATION: No Additional Fees Due. Upon entry of the below amendment, the total number of claims will be 20 or less, and the number of independent claims will be 3 or less.

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 9, 2004

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) A fish bite indication device for removably positioning on a fishing rod having fishing line strung therethrough, said device comprising:

a ring member having a generally circular shape, said ring member having a substantially smooth outer surface, said ring member having an inner diameter generally between ½ inch and 2 inches, said ring member comprising a material having buoyancy in water, wherein said ring member is ~~positioned~~ positionable over an end of the fishing rod such that